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SUBJ: CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ' COMMENTS ON VENEZUELA MEETING

1. LA PRENSA OF DECEMBER 16 PUBLISHED COMMENTS OF CHIEF OF STATE OSWALDO LOPEZ ARELLANO FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN HEADS OF STATE. ACCORDING TO THE LA PRENSA ACCOUNT, LOPEZ WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

2. LOPEZ EXPRESSED SATISFACTION CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA BY WHICH HONDURAS WOULD PAY FOR HALF ITS PETROLEUM PURCHASES IN CASH AND THE OTHER HALF IN LEMPIRAS PAID INTO A LOCAL ACCOUNT. THE LEMPIRAS WOULD THEN BE USED FOR DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT CONSTITUTE A LOAN WHICH MUST BE REPAYED.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE HONDURAN-SALVADORAN BORDER PROBLEM, LOPEZ EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT A SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE

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WOULD SOON BE FOUND. HE SAID THAT SALVADORAN PRESIDENT MOLINA

HAD DEMONSTRATED IN VENEZUELA THAT HE FAVORED A RESOLUTION,
AND BOTH HOPE TO FIND A MECHANISM WHICH CAN LEAD TO AN
EVENTUAL AGREEMENT.
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